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I appreciate your letter of 20 January 1984 which was referred to me by Mr. Casey. The concern expressed in your correspondence regarding the need for legislation to provide continued Federal health benefits eligibility to ex-spouses is shared by many. There is considerable Congressional interest in amending the law to provide for this type of continuing enrollment and a review of the entire Federal Employees Health Benefits Program has been initiated. Congresswoman Oakar of Ohio has submitted a Bill, HR-656--Federal Health Benefits Reform Act, which includes provisions for continued health insurance enrollment for divorced spouses of Federal employees including our employees. Please be assured that we are closely watching developments in this area. Should a change in the law occur during this Session of Congress, we will be doing everything possible to contact eligible spouses and secure them this benefit, should they wish it.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Magee

Robert W. Magee Director of Personnel

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